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Boiling Down Nancy Bolt

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems had the privilege of bringing Nancy Bolt to four sites in Nebraska for a workshop on "How to Be Effective in Your Organization," thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission. She provided us with great information for success and leadership for persons at any position or role within an organization. I'd like to share her 10 Strategies for Gaining Power & Influence:

1. **Get the Big Picture** – You are part of a larger environment. Know as much about that environment as possible. Where's the power? Who are the leaders? How are they connected? Who likes/dislikes who? Who will always help? Who is frustrated?
2. **Make Meetings Work for You** – Start to think about meetings differently – view them as an opportunity to network, get your point across, and informed opportunism.
3. **The Power of the Pen** – Volunteer to take minutes, and do them on a computer to speed up time-frame in sharing minutes. Great way of having access to information, reminding yourself of actions, answers and things to follow-up on.
4. **Watch and Learn** – Use your eyes to observe interactions, reactions and behaviors. And, ask for clarification before reacting.
5. **Expand and Contract** – Gather information. Do you already have a point of view? Listen to others, and practice "playback" listening. Integrate other ideas with your own view. Remove right and wrong from your vocabulary.
6. **Associate on Purpose** – You are who you hang with so spend time and cultivate relationships with persons with lots of energy, ideas and creativity. Look for collaborators, individuals open to new ideas, problem solvers and promise keepers, and persons willing to radically think in a different direction.
7. **Seek and You Shall Find** – Practice the art of asking questions, and be prepared to answer questions yourself. Can you give me some

examples? Why do you think that happened? How do you know that? What do you think? Why do you believe that? What's next? Can you clarify what you mean – I'm not sure I understand? What will you do? Who's in charge of this project and when is something due? Who's the final decision maker on this project?

8. **Determine Power Sources** – Study the people that are working really hard and that don't let grass grow under their feet. Tap into your own influence: When did you influence a decision? What was it? How did you do it? Tap into power sources – network. Meet the boss regularly with and update on what's been happening, plans, accomplishments, issues, needs
9. **Lose the Excuses** – Nobody likes a whiner. If you can't someone else can. If you've made a mistake, admit it, apologize, correct it if possible and then move on.
10. **Decide What You Think and Say So** – Does the outcome matter to you? How strongly do you feel? What can you live with? If you care, say so. If you don't care, say so. Offer alternatives. Don't be passive aggressive.

After you've practiced these strategies for a while, measure your progress or success. Is the library more involved than before with community and government activities? Do people listen when you speak? Do they defer to you or refer to what you said? Overall, be optimistic, be visible, focus on opportunities not problems, keep promises, be tuned in to other organizations issues, be open to new ideas, understand detail and be able to simplify, have clear goals and objectives for the library and communicate effectively.

Nancy shared great information not only on personal effectiveness but also on the Bulgarian Library Project – which she created. If you're interested you can find additional information on ABLE (American Bulgarian Librarian Exchange) at the Colorado Association of Libraries website: www.cal-webs.org/bulgaria.html. Nancy mentioned they are currently looking for more partners in the Bulgarian Library Project – why not Nebraska?

Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Congratulations to the winners of 2006 awards from the Nebraska Library Association:

- NLA *Meritorious Service* – **Duane Munson**, Bookseller, Columbus
- NLA *Mari Sandoz Award* – **Joan Hoffman**, Poet & Newspaper Columnist
- NLA *Trustee Citation Award* – **Kathy Lute**, Trustee, Goodall City Library, Ogallala
- Golden Sower Awards –
Substitute Teacher Plans – Doug Johnson & Tammy Smith (K-3)
Escaping the Giant Wave – Peg Kehret (4-6)
High Heat – Carl Deuker (YA)
- NLA *Presidential Award for Excellence* – **Maggie Harding**, NLA Executive Director
- Public Library Section *Excalibur Award* – **Sally Payne**, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
- College & University *Distinguished Service Award* – **Michael LaCroix**, Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library, Creighton University
- School, Children & Young People Section *Mad Hatter Service Award* – **Patti Birch**, North Platte High School
- Para Section *Paraprofessional of the Year* – **Mary Gubbels**, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion
- New Member Round Table *Mentor of the Year Award* – **Gretchen Healy**, Little Priest Tribal College Library
- *Special & Institutional Promotion Award* – **Janice Rihn**, Grand Island Veteran's Home
- *Special & Institutional Distinguished Service Award* – **Carolyn Dow**, Polley Music Library, Lincoln City Libraries
- New Member Round Table/Houchen *Beginning Professional of the Year* – **Charity Martin**, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries



Upcoming
CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians)
Meetings

2007 Calendar

January 5, 2007-Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora

February 8-Greenwood Public Library

March 8 - Exeter Public Library

April 19 - Falls City Library and Art Center, Friends & Foundations

June 15 - Seward Memorial Library, Joint NEMA/Media Specialists

July 19 - Beatrice Public Library, Joint Trustee

August 24 - Stella Community Library

September 20 - Dvoracek Memorial Library, Wilber

November 9 - Auburn Memorial Library

December 6 - Lincoln, location to be announced

What's New from the Commission?

Nebraska Memories is a cooperative project to digitize Nebraska-related historical and cultural heritage materials held by Nebraska institutions and make them available to researchers of all ages via the Internet. Nebraska Memories is brought to you by the Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Memories site is now available at: www.memories.ne.gov

The primary source materials available through Nebraska Memories are owned by a variety of institutions across the state. Participants work with the Library Commission to digitize the items and create metadata records. Currently 2,333 items are available in the database which will continue to grow as participants add more items. Ten groups have contributed materials. The collections are:

- ⌘ Butler County Gallery (Hruska Memorial Public Library & Boston Studio Collection)
- ⌘ Hastings Public Library
- ⌘ High Plains Historical Society (McCook Public Library & High Plains Historical Society and Museum)
- ⌘ Keene Memorial Library (Keene Memorial Library & Dodge County Historical Society)
- ⌘ Nebraska State Historical Society
- ⌘ Nebraska Library Commission
- ⌘ Omaha Public Library
- ⌘ Polley Music Library - Lincoln City Libraries
- ⌘ Sarpy County Historical Museum (Sump Memorial Library & Sarpy County Historical Museum)
- ⌘ Wayne State College

In addition four other groups are preparing items to be added. They are:

- ⌘ Bellevue University
- ⌘ Crawford Public Library & Crawford Historical Society
- ⌘ Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room
- ⌘ Raymond A. Whiter Tilden Public Library & Antelope County Historical Society

After you have looked at the Nebraska Memories website, please take a few minutes to tell us what you think by completing the short survey that is linked off of the front page of the website.

If you are interested in participating in Nebraska Memories please view the participants' information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories

View Nebraska Memories at: www.memories.ne.gov

Note: the Nebraska Library Commission is our state library and is located in downtown Lincoln. It provides funding to the six Regional Library Systems and is responsible for tracking Continuing Education hours, ILL, reference, network services, certification, and accreditation, among other things.



January

★ **January 5th:** CASTL meeting in Aurora.

February

★ **February 2nd:** SELS Board Meeting at Greenwood Public Library, 10 a.m.

★ **February 8th:** CASTL meeting in Greenwood.

February 9th: College of DuPage teleconference series, *Next Gen Librarianship: Where Do We Go From Here?* From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/coll Dupageconf20062007.html.

★ **February 14th:** NLA Legislative Day – see flyer page 11.

★ **February 16th:** SELS Summer Reading Program at Seward Memorial Library with N.L. Sharpe – see flyer on page 12.

March

March 4th -10th: Teen Tech Week. Register at www.ala.org/teentechweek or find ideas for celebrating at: teentechweek.wikispaces.com.

★ **March 8th:** CASTL meeting in Exeter.

★ **March 14th – 16th:** MPLA/NMLA in Albuquerque – GET ON THE BUS! See page 13.

March 23rd: College of DuPage – *Library Transformation: Making it Happen*, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/coll Dupageconf20062007.html.

March 28th: Sally Reed – FOLUSA workshop in Fremont.

Mark your calendars now for the **Spring Colloquium, April 21st** at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. **Kate Marek**, currently an Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, at Dominican University in Illinois, will be our speaker. Kate's got Nebraska ties with experience as a media specialist in Blair, and System Administrator for SELS. She has a BA from the University of Texas at Austin, and MLS from Dominican University, and a PhD from Emporia State University. Make plans for stimulating conversation and discussion of librarianship and change with registration and additional information to follow in January 2007.

Is There an ACLU War on Christians?

As we approach the holiday season, you'll start hearing accusations on some news shows that there is a war on Christmas and Christians with ACLU heading the assault. The rhetoric says ACLU hates religion and hates Christianity. Is that true??

"Absolutely not," said Executive Director Laurel Marsh. "ACLU works on cases to prevent government-sponsored religion, but we also work on protecting 'religious peoples' right to practice their religion. We've gone to bat for religious people, including Christians, many times here in Nebraska." For example, we helped a Presbyterian church in Lincoln that the city wanted to close down over zoning laws. We intervened in a case at the Nebraska Supreme Court for the House of Faith Christian Church of Omaha when the state claimed it wasn't big enough to merit the protections given to churches. A Christian Valedictorian was told she couldn't quote her minister in her graduation speech, but our intervention protected her First Amendment right to give her own message.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," noted Marsh. "The myth that ACLU is anti-religion is so clearly false that one man started his own website to list some of the many cases where we helped Christians." (www.aclufightsforchristians.com)

Note: Laurel Marsh took the Executive Director position at ACLU Nebraska in October. For the last 16 years she served as retiring Senator Dave Landis' Legislative Aide. For additional information on ACLU Nebraska go to their website at: www.aclunebraska.org.

Brenda Ealey is currently a member of the ACLU Nebraska Board.

Technology Innovation Librarian


Michael Sauers has been named the new Technology Innovation Librarian for the Nebraska Library Commission. He will begin work in Commission's Network Services department on March 1, 2007. This newly created position will be responsible for introducing Nebraska libraries to and training library staff on new and useful technologies in order to improve library services. Michael is currently the Internet Trainer for the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) in Aurora, Colorado, where he provides training and support on a variety of technology topics to an eleven-state region. In addition to his current position, Michael is both an active presenter and writer on current technology topics in the library community. He received his M.L.S. from the University of Albany, School of Information Science and Policy and a B.S. from the State University of New York at Brockport. Please help us welcome Michael to Nebraska in 2007!

Teen Tech Week

Please join YALSA in celebrating our first ever Teen Tech Week **March 4-10, 2007**. The purpose of this new initiative is to encourage teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Here's what you can do to join the celebration:

1. **Register for Teen Tech Week at www.ala.org/teentechweek. Those of you who register will receive incentives from our Promotional Partners Rosen Publishing and Tutor.com.**
2. **Visit the Teen Tech Week wiki at <http://teentechweek.wikispaces.com> to find and share ideas for celebrating the event.**
3. Plan on attending the Teen Tech Week Kick-Off from 10:30 to 12:30 Jan. 21st at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Meet our partners and sponsors and get ideas from our TTW Taskforce on how to celebrate in your library.
4. Keep an eye out on the TTW web site for Teen Tech Week podcasts.
5. Stock up on your Teen Tech Week swag at www.alastore.ala.org.

Thank you for working to ensure that the teens in your communities have access to a variety of electronic resources and are competent users of information in all formats.



News for children

[In November] we had our window opening here in **Humboldt**, at **Bruun Memorial Library** and it was a wild time. Throughout the day we had 552 people in the library. The meeting room provided space for our Book Fair, and Santa saw about 100 kids. (I just barely managed to get the



Christmas Tree up). We also had Ident-a-kid, Chamber give-away and (my personal favorite) the Swimming Pool bake sale.

Submitted by Jorene Herr, Director

Our local grocery store in Fairmont has closed, but still have quite a few DVD and Video cases they would like to sell— very cheaply!

DVD Cases Singles and Doubles for \$.20/each. Video Cases 10 for \$1.00

I could set up a meeting time or mail them to you, You would pay the postage. If interested contact Wanda Marget at **Fairmont Public Library**, 402-268-6081 or email wmarget@galaxycable.net



Omaha Public Library Benson Branch teens have done it! They read **13,656 pages** from Omaha Public Library books. Young Adult Librarian Nancy Chmiel waved to bystanders from a billboard at 89th and Fort Streets, 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 10 as a way to congratulate the teens on their accomplishment.

“The fact that this generation is actively reading is a testament to Nancy and the work that our Young Adult

librarians do to make reading fun and exciting,” said Omaha Public Library Executive Director Rivkah K. Sass. “I think we should celebrate that.”

The participating teens exceeded the challenge of reading 10,000 pages during National Teen Read Week, Oct. 15-21. Chmiel’s agreement with the teens was that if they read 10,000 pages she would stand on a billboard for three hours and for each additional 2,500 pages they read she would stay on the billboard one additional hour.

The winning teens encouraged Omahans to join them as they kept Ms. Chmiel company. “The more distractions I have from the cold the better,” Chmiel said. “Congratulate the teens and think warm thoughts!”

News and Notes



100 Best Books of 2006

Publishers Weekly (11/6/2006) announced their **100 Best books of the Year** (2006), which includes Fiction, Poetry, Mysteries, SF/Fantasy/Horror, Romance, Comics, Nonfiction, Religion, Religious Fiction, Lifestyle, Children's Picture Books, Children's Fiction, and Children's Nonfiction categories. "Every week some 1,000 books come into our offices, and every week more than a hundred of those go back out again to our reviewers all over the country... This is our chance to revisit them all and audaciously proclaim a small portion of them 'best'." You can find a copy of the article and 100 best books of the year online at www.publishersweekly.com or we can send you a copy from the SELS office.

Give Your Library the Book You Want to Read

I hope you know that Amazon allows your library to make a wish list of books, DVD's, and such that donors may purchase for the library. Many libraries have their Friends or Foundations set up an account. In a fun twist, the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation (FCPL) in Virginia allows the book donor to be the first person to borrow the book from the library. When books are purchased off Amazon, they are sent to the library. The FCPL Foundation then notifies the donor that the donation has been received and allows them to be the first to read it. Make your customers and your library happy at the same time - genius!

From *Library Administrator's Digest* October 2006

Go Local Nebraska

Are you looking for health services in your community? Maybe you need to find a support group in your area or a hospital nearby? Maybe you would like to know where nursing homes



across the state are located? If you have questions like these, you need Go Local Nebraska (<http://medlineplus.gov/nebraska>). This service is a cooperative initiative between the National Library of Medicine (NLM), part of the National Institutes of Health, the McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Nebraska's public libraries. Initial funding was provided by National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) MidContinental Region and the McGoogan Library of Medicine. Go Local Nebraska includes websites, contact information, and service descriptions for hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, support groups, and many other health resources.

Suggestions or additions to Go Local Nebraska are encouraged and appreciated. Simply send an email to askus@unmc.edu You may also call 402.559.6221 or toll free 1.866.800.5209.



News and Notes

Revised Trustee Manual

Greetings! As I begin my term as TUFS Chairman, I want to tell you about the newly revised Trustee Manual. You should all have a copy in your library. This revision is a wonderful product developed by a team of hardworking library people throughout the state.

The manual is broken into chapters with a goldenrod colored "Discussion Guide" at the end of each chapter. Perhaps it could be a goal of your board to set aside twenty minutes at each meeting to discuss a couple of chapters. Ask your librarian to make the manual available to you so all can study it. This way by the end of the year the whole manual could be covered and you could get Continuing Ed hours (20 mins. each time for each board member, i.e. 5 board members x 20 minutes = 100 minutes/meeting) as well.

Next, February 14th 2007 is Legislative Day at the Unicameral in Lincoln. In the past, Library Trustees have acted as greeters for the State Senators as they join us for lunch. I need five trustees who would serve as greeters. If you can help out, please send me an email at mkgandc@tvsonline.net. And tell me your name, email, address and phone number.

Thanks,

Charles Gordon

Finding and Evaluating Health Information

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region announces the creation of an online tutorial on Finding and Evaluating Health Information. This tutorial can be used as a training tool during a live presentation, or as a stand-alone online resource. It was developed to assist those who are new to the Internet so they can better understand the basics of searching for online health information, and being critical of what they find. The tutorial is available at <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/ctc/>

Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, MSLIS, Community Outreach Liaison, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region, Creighton University Health Sciences Library

Stephen Abram Conference Slides

Hello everyone:

I know that many of you were able to attend the keynote address and breakout session by Stephen Abram at the October NLA/NEMA conference, and asked about the availability of the slides from his presentations. Others who were not able to attend may find them interesting too. The links below are to his presentations.

- ⌘ www.sirsidynix.com/Resources/Pdfs/Company/Abram/nebraska-web_2.0-real.pdf keynote
- ⌘ www.sirsidynix.com/Resources/Pdfs/Company/Abram/nebraska-personas.pdf breakout

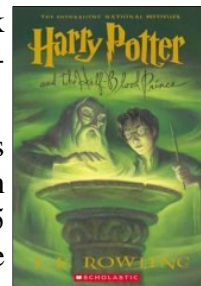
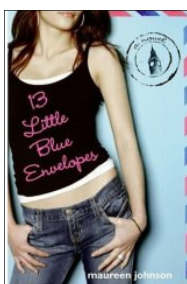
Stephen has all his presentations archived by month posted, on his web site here <http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com/>. The Nebraska ones are archived under December. This is one busy guy!

Beth Goble
Nebraska Library Association, President

Teens vote for favorite young adult book

Teen readers across the country voted “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” by J.K. Rowling as their favorite book to take the #1 spot on the annual Teens’ Top Ten (TTT), sponsored by The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA). The vote took place during Teen Read Week, October 15-21, 2006, and gave teens an opportunity to voice their choice of the best new young adult books.

TTT is a part of YALSA’s Young Adult (YA) Galley Project, which facilitates access to advance copies of young adult books to national teen book discussion groups. These groups evaluated books that were published from January 2005 through April 2006, and created a list off 22 nominations for the best new books for young adults. Teen voters across the country then cast ballots for their three favorites, creating the 2006 Teens’ Top Ten book-list of the best new books for young adults.

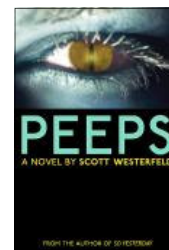
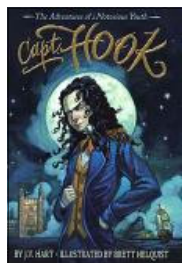
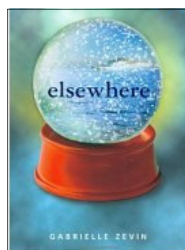


Teens were encouraged to vote for their favorite young adult books during Teen Read Week from the official nomination list posted online at the Teens’ Top Ten site. Over 5000 online ballots were cast and the results, combined with the results of a separate vote of the TTT groups, determined the final ranking of the 10 top books of the year, as selected by teen readers.

With J.K. Rowling’s sixth Harry Potter book topping the list, the 2006 Teens’ Top Ten (in ranking order) includes:

1. ***Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*** by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic Press, 2005).
2. ***Twilight*** by Stephanie Meyer (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2005).
3. ***Eldest*** by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2005).
4. ***Rebel Angels*** by Libba Bray (Delacorte Press, 2005).
5. ***Peeps*** by Scott Westerfeld (Razorbill, 2005).
6. ***13 Little Blue Envelopes*** by Maureen Johnson (HarperCollins Children’s Books, 2005).
7. ***Poison*** by Chris Wooding (Orchard Books, 2005).
8. ***Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth*** by J.V. Hart (Laura Geringer Books, 2005).
9. ***If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where’s My Prince?*** by Melissa Kantor (Hyperion Books for Children, 2005).
10. ***Elsewhere*** by Gabrielle Zevin (Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

Final nominations for the 2007 Teens’ Top Ten vote will be posted in April at www.ala.org/teenstopten. Voting will take place during Teen Read Week October 14-20, 2007.





The Customer-Centered Library

How to stop tweaking and start doing it with 12 new steps for 2007

Presenter Karen Hyman is a New Jersey-based consultant from the South Jersey Regional Cooperative. She has done multiple training sessions on a national level for PLA, ALA, and other state library organizations.

Learn:

- ♦ how to see from the customer's point of view.
- ♦ how to focus on user needs/expectations and service opportunities.
- ♦ how to develop and implement the culture, policies, services and environment that support a customer centered library.
- ♦ how to operate your library for the convenience of the customer.
- ♦ how to make customer service a way of life in your library.
- ♦ You will leave with a customer service policy!

April 3, 2007

North Platte Community
College
North Campus
North Platte, NE

10 am - 3 pm (Central Time)

\$10 fee includes lunch

4 NLC Continuing Education Credit
Units

April 4, 2007

Columbus Public Library
2504 14th Street
Columbus, NE

This workshop is sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Register:

Send \$10/person by **March 28th** to:

Nebraska Regional Library Systems c/o Eastern Library System 11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144

Name _____
Library _____
Email _____

_____ North Platte site
_____ Columbus site

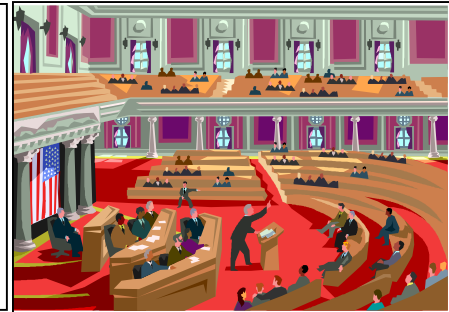
Sign Up for NLA's Legislative Day

Registration Form

NLA Legislative Day — February 14, 2007

- ___ **8:30-9:30 Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1023, State Capitol**
Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians.
- ___ **9:30 Don't Come Alone: Invite your senator, trustees and city officials too! Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club — 407 S. 14th**
You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist. Our special guest speaker is former Senator Marian Price.
- ___ **12:00 Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel**
Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$16 per person. Please offer to pay for your senator's lunch AND make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide — they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them.
- ___ **1:15 Afternoon Session with Karen Kilgarin, registered lobbyist for the Nebraska State Education Association, at the Cornhusker.**

- ___ **\$16 for my participation**
___ **\$16 for the Senator's lunch**
___ **\$16 for each city official, trustee, or other participant**
___ **\$16 donation for honoree's meal or NLA Legislative Day expenses**
(no refunds after 01/29/2007)



Please remember to invite your Senator to lunch. You can find your senator's phone # at: www.unicam.state.ne.us.
Click on: Senators and Districts

Registrations Must be Received by: January 29, 2007

Your Name: _____

Library : _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

State Senator: _____

City Official: _____

Public library
continuing education
credits available:
3 hours for morning
sessions and lunch; 3
hours for the
afternoon session.

Make Checks Payable to: Nebraska Library Association (please respond by 1-29-07)

Mail To: NLA Legislative Day

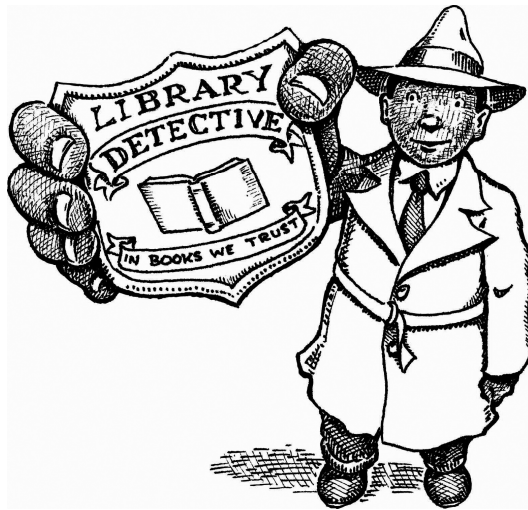
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Nebraska Library Commission

1200 N Street, The Atrium

Lincoln, NE 68508-2023 (6 CE hours for public librarians and trustees)

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Get a Clue
from
Southeast
Library System's
**2007 Summer
Reading Program**
February 16th, 2007

Seward Memorial Library
233 S. 5th St., Seward
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Calling all
Librarians!***

Whether you bring your deerstalkers or your fingerprinting kits (hopefully we won't need blood splatter analysis) be prepared to uncover the secrets behind a successful Summer Reading Program.

9-9:30: Registration

9:30-12: Author N.L. Sharp

12-12:15: Break

12:15-1: Sally Snyder, "Get a Clue" Book Reviews

Lunch

2-4: Lineup of Entertainers: This is your opportunity to talk to the speakers and presenters who are available for summer reading or other programs at your library. You can use this time to book presenters for your programs and use the die cut machines for your summer reading needs. Of course, the casual atmosphere will allow you to share ideas with your fellow librarians. Have a great idea? Bring 35 copies to share.



Cost: \$15 which includes lunch



Send registrations by **February 9th** to:

Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

PLEASE—send your registration on time. If the check will be sent later or you will pay at the door, please note that on your registration.

Name _____

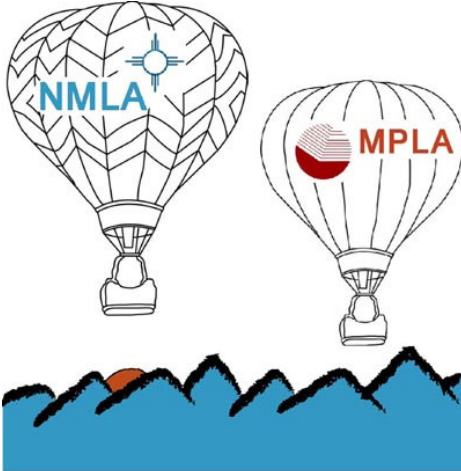
Library _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Please bring your own
paper for the die cuts.
Also bring scissors
(fairly sharp), glue, tape
and a few markers to the
workshops.**

ROAD TRIP 2007



Libraries: Launching the Future
NMLA/MPLA 2007 Conference
Albuquerque, NM March 14-16, 2007
www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm

Don't fret, you didn't miss a road trip!

The third trip to MPLA is

March 13-17, 2007

This time, it's Albuquerque! 47 people will board a bus, they will be divided into teams and will compete to be the last one on the bus. Wait, sorry that's not right-though it does sound kinda fun. The bus would leave from Nebraska on March 13th and arrive back on the 17th. Like previous years, the bus will start in Omaha and go along I-80 picking up riders. We had 34 riders last time. Use the bus trip to network with your peers, catch up on your sleep, finish that book, or watch a movie. But most of all, use the bus to get to one of the favorite regional conferences for **FREE or nearly FREE!** That's right, thanks again to a grant* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be no cost for the bus ride. Riders may be charged up to \$20 a person to cover the driver's transfer fee and lodging, but there will be no overnight lodging this trip. Albuquerque isn't any further away than Jackson Hole, so sign up and discover the bus!

Conference highlights include: Keynote speaker **Dr. Joseph Janes**, Library Journal columnist and Associate Dean of the University of Washington library school; **Michael Wallis**, noted historian talking about the history of Route 66 and the making of the Disney/Pixar film Cars (he was the voice of the sheriff of Radiator Springs!); author **Jane Lindskold**, author of the Firekeeper Saga and Child of a Rainless Year; and **Kathy L'Amour**, wife of the great western author, Louis L'Amour.

So sign up today to join Road Trip 2007!

Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!

Sign up deadline: February 23rd, 2007

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**If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.



Now is the time to renew or join the
SELS Friends group!

Events already planned for 2007 include a repeat of the Aged to Perfection wine and antique event, a private movie showing (hopefully of the new Harry Potter movie in July), a

members only pitch tourney, and some type of fund- raising event at NLA/NEMA in October. Other activities may also be planned throughout the year. Dues are still only \$10 unless you prefer to become a lifetime member - see the SELS Friends page on the SELS website (www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selfindex.html) for a membership form, or simply send your \$10 to the SELS office today!

Thanks for supporting the Southeast Library System in 2007!

Books to Give to Kids

- ⌘ *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Illustrated by Jane Dyer.
Preschool and primary grades.
- ⌘ *Follow the Line* by Laura Ljungkvist.
For preschoolers to share with adults.
- ⌘ *How High Can a Dinosaur Count? And Other Math Mysteries* by Valorie Fisher.
For primary graders.
- ⌘ *The Little Red Hen*, retold and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney.
Preschool and primary grades.
- ⌘ *Roar of a Snore* by Marsha Diane Arnold. Pictures by Pierre Pratt.
Preschool and primary grades.
- ⌘ *This is the Dream* by Diane Z. Shore & Jessica Alexander.
Primary grades.
- ⌘ *This Little Piggy and Other Rhymes to Sing and Play* by Jane Yolen and Will Hillenbrand. Musical arrangements by Adam Stemple.

Lovely Illustrated Chapter Books

- ⌘ *Alice Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll. Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.
- ⌘ *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline.

Non-Fiction for Children

- ⌘ *Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs!* By Kathleen V. Kudlinski.
- ⌘ *Eats, Shoots, & Leaves: Why Commas Really DO Make a Difference!* By Lynne Truss.
Illustrated by Bonnie Timmons.
- ⌘ *A Million Dots* by Andrew Clements. Illustrated by Mike Reed.
- ⌘ *Pompeii Lost & Found* by Mary Pope Osborne. Frescos by Bonnie Christensen.

Thanks to Lincoln City Librarians for the list!

(And yes, we know it's after Christmas, but now you have a list for the first half of 2007).

The *Library Administrator's Digest* ran the Mindset List for the Class of 2010 in their October 2006 issue. Each year Beloit College provides this list to their faculty to aid in understanding of the cultural attitudes of the incoming class of students, which are on average born in 1988 and are 18 years old. My guess is it might aid those of us in the library world, too – here's a sampling from the list:

- They have always been “connected” and are used to things happening in “real time,” like live satellite coverage of revolutions and wars, instant messaging and movies on demand.
- They have developed their own generational means of communication and rarely need postage stamps.
- They expect solutions for every problem, from baldness to diseased organs.
- The Soviet Union has never existed and therefore is about as scary as the student union.
- They have never heard anyone actually “ring it up” on a cash register.
- They are wireless, yet always connected.
- They grew up with and have outgrown faxing as a means of communication.
- They have always preferred going out in groups as opposed to dating.
- They have always “dissed” what they don't like.
- Smoking has never been permitted on US airlines.
- Barcodes have always been on everything, from library cards and snail mail to retail items.



If you'd like more information on the Mindset List go to: www.beloit.edu and click on “only@Beloit,” then “Mindset List.” In the meantime, these are good things to consider in providing library services and quality customer service to the young adults in our communities.

In case you want to revisit/share/see for the first time Seth Godin's GEL 2005 presentation we watched at the Hollywood Librarian Pre-Conference... It's a pretty interesting look at customer service without using the “traditional” preachy method.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4101280286098310645>

Laura England, Assistant Director, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont NE

Colloquium DVD's

If you were unable to attend the two Colloquium's in 2006 or if you wanted to share the feeling of infectious motivation that you received from those nights, you're in luck! The SELS office has DVD's of both events. Spring 2006's speaker was Joe Janes, *American Libraries Internet Librarian*, speaks about libraries becoming technologically proactive rather than reactive and discusses how to retain the friendly, human aspects of the library while installing and utilizing new technologies. Jamie LaRue, who was the Fall 2006 presenter, talks about powerful & practical techniques to make your library indispensable to its community and that it requires that librarians leave the library & directly engage with the community to *solve its problems* and thereby to solve its own. Contact the System office to borrow a copy! 800-288-6063/ jennip@alltel.net. Great way to get CE hours for your board or yourself!

2006 National Book Awards

The 20 Finalists for the **2006 National Book Awards**, announced in October, represent extraordinary writing in widely divergent styles and include the first graphic novel ever nominated for a National Book Award. The Awards are presented annually by the National Book Foundation.

Among the Finalists is **Gene Luen Yang**, a Chinese-American comic artist, whose graphic novel, *American Born Chinese*, is a Finalist in the category of Young People's Literature, and **Mark Z. Danielewski**, a Fiction Finalist, whose novel *Only Revolutions* is told in parallel free verse and breaks with conventions of traditional storytelling. In the Non-Fiction category, **Taylor Branch** is nominated for *On Canaan's Edge*, his third volume about Martin Luther King, Jr. Two nominated works in this category—**Lawrence Wright's** *The Looming Tower* and **Rajiv Chandrasekaran's** *Imperial Life in the Emerald City*—focus on 9/11 and Iraq, respectively. Two Fiction finalists—**Ken Kalfus's** *A Disorder Peculiar to the Country* and **Jess Walter's** *The Zero*, use 9/11 as a point of departure, as well.

Several of this year's Finalists have been Finalists in previous years including **Richard Powers** (a Finalist in 1993), **Taylor Branch** (a Finalist in 1989), **Louise Glück** (a Finalist in 1992 and 1999), and **M.T. Anderson** (a Finalist in 2002).

The winner in each of the four categories – Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry and Young People's Literature – is announced at the National Book Awards Benefit Dinner and Ceremony in Manhattan on November 15, hosted by writer Fran Lebowitz. Each winner receives \$10,000 plus a bronze statue; each Finalist receives a bronze medal and a \$1,000 cash award.

To be eligible for a 2006 National Book Award, a book must have been published in the United States between December 1, 2005 and November 30, 2006 and must have been written by a United States citizen. This year the Judges chose from a record 1,259 entries submitted by publishers. The Young People's Literature category had the biggest jump in entries with an additional 53 titles over last year.

"Many of this year's selections take risks in their narrative structure, voice and subject matter," said Harold Augenbraum, Executive Director of the National Book Foundation and co-host of the announcement event at City Lights Books. "In every category, the nominated works represent powerful writing and new approaches to often difficult topics."

The Board of Directors of the National Book Foundation also bestowed its 2006 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters upon poet **Adrienne Rich**, and the Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community to **Robert Silvers** and, posthumously, **Barbara Epstein**, co-founders of *The New York Review of Books*.

Source: www.nationalbook.org/nba2006_finalistspr.html, where you can find additional information on the National Book Awards as well as the winners from 1950-2006.



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FOLUSA Welcomes Nebraska Library Members

The Nebraska Library Commission recently purchased memberships in Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) for all Nebraska public libraries to ensure that their library staff, Friends, Trustees, and Foundations can take advantage of FOLUSA's services to enhance fundraising, advocacy, and public awareness. FOLUSA now offers statewide membership packages and Nebraska is the first to take advantage of statewide membership pricing for its more than 275 local libraries.

"Friends of Libraries U.S.A. provides a wide variety of materials and services that can enhance promotion and fundraising efforts by Friends of Library groups and Trustees. Providing Nebraska libraries with membership in FOLUSA is an extension of our services to them," said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner.

The FOLUSA membership will provide each of these libraries with subscriptions to *News Update* (a bi-monthly compilation of best practices for Friends, Trustees, and Foundations from across the country with in-depth articles on successful fundraising, advocacy, and public awareness), access to awards, discounts on library resources, and global networking opportunities with others who support libraries. In addition, in March 2007 FOLUSA Executive Director Sally G. Reed will provide training for Nebraska librarians and library supporters to discuss ways to maximize the value of their memberships.

Sally G. Reed, FOLUSA Executive Director commented, "I am very excited to be working with the Nebraska Library Commission, and now with all Nebraska libraries, to help them develop and strengthen citizen support for their services. Friends, Foundation members, and Trustees in the state will all have access to our toolkits and resources to help them work effectively with librarians and on libraries' behalf. Citizens who love libraries can be leaders in the community to assure adequate funding at the local level and to help promote the library to everyone."

FOLUSA is a national organization with approximately 2,000 Friends groups, Boards of Trustees, Foundations, and individual members representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters. For more information see www.folusa.org, or call 800-936-5872.

Southeast Library System Board Meeting**October 5, 2006 Denton, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (Levitt Library – York College); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Sally Snyder (NLC)

Board Members Absent: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Scott Childers (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson)

Agenda

What's New Around the System: President Elton called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. Jan Thomsen talked about initiating regular staff meetings, new automation system, possible Follett's Destiny product, and a leaky roof at Aurora. Ken Gunselman noted that the library's gate count last year was 65,849 with a student body of 400-500. Ken also indicated that the York College's library now has access to over 78,000 electronic books. Becky Baker indicated the library in Seward has started its fall programs and that the Alex Kava program had a full house. The Friends group at Seward is soliciting baskets (with a maximum value of \$100.00) that will be sold as a fund raiser. It was noted that Crazy Horse will be the title for next year's One Book One Nebraska. Tom Schmitz indicated there is still a lot of re-organization going on with all adults now housed at the Lincoln Regional Center. Tom showed a needlepoint picture from the S&I section that will be up for bid at the NLA/NEMA conference silent auction for Nixon Scholarship fund. Rebecca Bernthal talked about the University Libraries new RefWorks software, a bibliographic management program that allows users to create a list of resources used in research and the new Safe Assignment software to curb plagiarism. Sandy Elton indicated that the Lincoln Correctional Center now has a population of over 500. Earl West, Librarian for the Diagnostic & Evaluation Center is retiring and Bill Pserros is no longer with Omaha Correctional Center. Correctional Center computer programs purchased are getting good use and review from the inmates and include, an encyclopedia, typing skills and driving skills. Glenda Willnerd talked about Mosaic 2006 multicultural display which includes 589 titles which include African, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Native American, and multiple cultures in the United States as well as globally. Board members each received a copy of the bibliography in print and on cd. Glenda noted that there are 26 different languages currently represented in the Lincoln Public Schools' population. Chris Crowe, author of young adult literature, is coming in November and Syd Lieberman, internationally acclaimed storyteller, is coming possibly in March. Wanda Marget reported that with the addition of 2 new computers they now have four that can be used for computer instruction. She's been experimenting with the genealogy database currently on trial through NLC, and they've discovered a small roof leak over a ceiling fan in the library. There was discussion on where to look for software and hardware – Tech Soup and Software Plus were suggested. Wanda wants the Open Meetings Law poster now required at all board meetings. Karen Frank indicated the fiscal year showed that the Greenwood Library had donations that almost matched the book budget.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the corrected minutes for August 11, 2006 was made by Jan Thomsen and seconded by Ken Gunselman. Motion carried.

III. Financial Report: Jenni made comments about the financial and transaction reports and answered questions from the board. The annual audit went well. SELS will drop one subscription of School Library Journal. It was noted that another copy of Library Sparks would better meet the demands of SELS members. SELS sponsored workshops have generally been well attended. We aim to break even with expenses and registrations for workshops, although the Pat Wagner workshop cost an additional \$319 over what we brought in. It was asked that, at the end of the calendar year, a letter be sent to each board member indicating the amount of mileage donated. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Rebecca Bernthal and seconded by Becky Baker. Motion carried.

IV. SELS Plan including Technology Plan: Brenda presented the revised "Southeast Library System Plan 2006-2007" and the revised "Southeast Library System Technology Plan" to board members. She noted the changes and commented on specific items including the iPod Player and the MP3 Player. A question arose about possible copyright issues concerning these new players. A motion to approve the revised plans was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Ken Gunselman. Motion carried.

V. Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted her activities from August 11, 2006 to October 5, 2006 as outlined in her written report. The ELS/SELS September colloquium with Jamie LaRue was well attended with positive reviews. She attended the Dinner & Dialogue meeting in Brownville for Library directors, trustees and city personnel. The September CASTL meeting was hosted by DeWitt. Brenda was invited to submit an application to attend a Kiewit Fund Raising course in Omaha from Nov 6 – 10, a first step to possibly being selected. Rod Wagner has said NLC would pay the \$300 registration fee. CASTL online discussions continue to tackle a broad range of subjects, including use of print World Book collections. Brenda & Jenni helped in planning the ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat. She consulted on a village board/library board conflict. She shared information on Hamilton College's full-time librarian opening. Brenda also served on the NLC continuing education grant awards committee. Brenda worked with the NLA Bylaws Committee and as chair of the NLA Nominating Committee to prepare ballots for mailing and counting ballots. Brenda attended the Nebraska Regional Library System Administrator's meeting in Kearney. Also in September she attended the NLA board meeting in Broken Bow and a meeting on starting a YA Round Table for NLA. In October she attended the NLC and Nebraska Regional Library System (NRLS) Administrator's quarterly meeting in Broken Bow. She worked on additional NLA business including discussion of combining Executive Director with Conference Executive Secretary positions, and conference programs including pre-conference and a display for NRLS. Brenda was appointed to chair the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, as a result of her attendance at the Law for Librarians conference sponsored by ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom. Brenda & Jenni attended Becky Baker's 25th Anniversary at Seward Memorial Library and the SELS Friends Pitch Tournery. Brenda & Jenni, along with Alicia Graybill selected the Nebraska Book Award for Poetry. She attended the Nebraska ACLU meeting in Omaha. She made a presentation to the Doane College, Lincoln ethics class on the First Amendment and also made a presentation to the UNO Library Administration class on Revised Public Library Accreditation Guidelines. She made a presentation at the Seward Memorial Library after hours youth program on banned books. Brenda also worked on the One Book One Nebraska reads One False Move project including sharing tour information, a NET Radio interview, and the NLA/NEMA conference program. ELS & SELS were successful in receiving continuing education grants for the Fall & Spring Colloquiums and NRLS upcoming bus trip to MPLA (Albuquerque) and upcoming workshops with Nancy Bolt on leadership and Karen Hyman on customer service.

VI. NLC Report: Sally Snyder noted the Nebraska Book Festival will be held October 7 & 8 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln and that Teen Read Week is October 15-21 sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association of ALA. Two new staff recently joined the Commission – Linda Jensen as Staff Assistant in Library Development and Laura Johnson as the Continuing Education Coordinator. The Library of Congress Center for the Book's annual "Letters about Literature" writing contest is underway. All letters must be postmarked by December 8, 2006. Fiction Connection, a recent addition to the NebraskaAccess, now has two tutorials available to help with training. Youth Grants for Excellence are now available for public libraries. The two areas of focus this year are: Boys & Reading and Early Childhood Reading Programs. There are two separate forms this year: a short form for requesting \$250 - \$1,000 grants, and a long form for requesting more than \$1,000 grants. Due date is October 20, 2006 with grant awards being announced on December 11, 2006. LSTA Grant applications are now available. The submission deadline is December 28, 2006 with awards being announced on March 21, 2007. CE & Training Grants were awarded recently totaling \$26,033. The Commission has again purchased a statewide license to the College of DuPage satellite programming. All telecasts run from noon to 1:30 pm (EST). There is a 60-day trial to Ancestry Library Editions and ProQuest Obituaries. See the Commission's website for the trial URL and Password. You can now add a downloadable WorldCat search box to your library's web site. The Nebraska Public Library Statistical Report survey will be available from Bibliostat Collect beginning October 15, 2006. All Nebraska public libraries are required to submit annual statistical data about their services and operations. The deadline for submitting data is January 31, 2007.

VII. Committee Meetings: Committees met for about an hour to plan and discuss various projects after a lunch break.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

December 2006/January 2007

*What if nothing exists and
we're all in somebody's
dream? Or what's worse,
what if only that fat guy in
the third row exists?*

- Woody Allen

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